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FEATHER RIVER RANGER DISTRICT  
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### Gibsonville Healthy Forest Restoration Project input wanted

The Feather River Ranger District, Plumas National Forest, is asking for public input on a plan to reduce the risk of wildfire, restore the historic townsites, release aspen, and restore meadows and other wetlands on National Forest System (NFS) lands in the historic Gibsonville, California area. The public is encouraged to provide written comments on the proposed project during this scoping phase of the environmental assessment process.

The foothill areas of the Feather River Ranger District are dotted with communities, many dating back to early mining and logging days of the mid to late 1800s. Land ownership is a complex mosaic of checkerboard private ownership, community areas and privately held mining claims with NFS lands intermixed. Forested areas are often densely vegetated mixed conifer forests with a high probability of burning hot and fast in the event of a wildfire.

The town of Gibsonville which was established in 1851 by James Gibson who staked a mining claim he called Secret Ravine. His camp eventually grew into the town of Gibsonville which by 1853 had five blacksmiths, eleven general stores, five hotels, a jeweler, four express companies, two sawmills, a bowling alley, two saloons, a lawyer, one newspaper, and one livery stable. By the 1920's only four people still lived in the town.

The project focuses on removing hazard trees along roads and thinning trees and other vegetation in strategic locations within the project area to reduce the risk of wildfire; to increase visibility and protect the Gibsonville townsites; release aspen from conifer suppression; restore meadow potential zones; and utilize removed material - timber and smaller trees - to create an economic benefit locally and generate partial funding for the needed noncommercial thinning and burning fuel treatments. A summary of the proposed action is available online at [http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=47960](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47960) or by contacting the Feather River Ranger District at 530-534-6500.

Specific, solution-oriented comments that focus on the proposed actions or identify issues with the proposal would be most useful in the planning efforts.

Although written or verbal comments are welcome at any time, they will be most helpful if submitted in writing by November 27, 2015 to:

Randy Gould,  
Feather River District Ranger,  
875 Mitchell Ave., Oroville, CA, 95965

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BUTTE

In The Matter Of  
**Gibsonville Healthy Forest.**

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*Donna Tyrrell*

(Signature)

or email: comments-pacificsouthwest-plumas-feather@fs.fed.us  
If you have questions or wish to discuss the proposed project in more detail, please contact Clay Davis at claydavis@fs.fed.us or 530-532-8940.  
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